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- 1. CHULA VISTA BORDER PATROL REPS WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, WITH STATE AND FEDERAL BAJA CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO DISCUSS MEANS TO PUT AN END TO PRIVATE ACTS OF VIOLENCE BY MEXICANS AGAINST BORDER PATROL OFFICIALS IN THE SAN YSIDRO AREA. CONSULATE GENERAL REPS WILL ATTEND THIS MEETING WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY MEXICAN OFFICIALS HERE IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN EXPRESSED BY USG OFFICIALS IN THE AREA.
- 2. VIOLENT ACTS TOWARD BORDER PATROL AGENTS ALONG THE BORDER IN THIS AREA ARE ON THE INCREASE. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED IN RECENT WEEKS FROM THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER AND ROCK THROWING AT BORDER PATROL AGENTS HAS BECOME A COMMON OCCURRENCE. THE CHULA VISTA SECTOR BORDER PATROL HAS ASKED, IN WRITING, THE OFFICE OF POBLACION IN TIJUANA TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT THE ROCK THROWING AND THE LATTER OFFICE HAS TRANSMITTED THAT REQUEST TO MEXICO CITY FOR ADVICE. IN THE ABSENCE OF A REPLY THUS FAR, THE CHULA VISTA SECTOR HAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO THE REGIONAL OFFICE THAT THE GOM BE APPROACHED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. CONGEN IS EXPRESSING ITS CONCERN OVER ROCK THROWING AND UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER VIOLENCE TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. MEXICAN CONSUL IN SAN DIEGO ALSO SIMILARLY CONCERNED AND HAS TOLD US HE PLANS TAKE UP ISSUE IMMEDIATELY WITH HIS SUPERIORS IN MEXICO CITY.

3. LATEST SERIOUS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE EVENING AUGUST 27 NEAR SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY, WHEN A BORDER PATROL AGENT SHOT AT

WITH A SHOTGUN AND APPARENTLY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED AN ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSER. EARLIER IN THE EVENING, THE AGENT, PINNED DOWN IN A DITCH BY ROCK THROWERS, FIRED SEVERAL SHOTS IN THE AIR. LATER, AN ILLEGAL WAS APPARENTLY ABOUT TO USE A ROCK AS A CLUB, AND THE AGENT SHOT AT HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE. THE ALIEN RETURNED TO MEXICO, AND ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT HE WAS THE SAME WHO LATER REPORTED HAVING BEEN SHOT, WE ASSUME HE IS THE SAME. KENT

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